

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.FORECAST OF VINTAGE, 1931.9,100,000 (12,406,017) Gallons, 26.64% decrease.

The Government Statist intimates having obtained Returns of the present vintage from vigneron in the State who represented 90% of the previous season's total production, and from this source he estimates that the vintage for 1930-31 will approximate 9,100,000 Gallons of Wine for Beverage and Distillation, in comparison with 12,406,017 Gallons for the previous year, a decrease of 3,306,017 Gallons, or 26.64%.

The River Murray Districts are estimated to yield 3,680,000 (5,016,627) Gallons, a decrease of 1,336,627 Gallons, or 26.65%.

Last year 6,954,436 Gallons of the 12,406,017 Gallons of Wine made were for Distillation, but the quantity for this year is not yet known.

5 YEARS' WINE STATISTICS.

Year	Wine Made			Wine Exported	
	Total	Proportion for Distillation		Oversea	Interstate
	Galls.	Galls.	%	Galls.	Galls.
1925-26	13,074,874	7,171,276	55	1,200,313	2,523,434
1926-27	16,159,595	9,350,588	58	2,265,755	2,583,701
1927-28	12,820,733	6,849,284	53	2,856,806	2,216,875
1928-29	14,828,968	9,414,691	63	1,423,799	1,940,065
1929-30	12,406,017	6,954,436	56	1,840,539	1,910,965
5 years' Mean	13,858,057	7,948,055	57	1,917,442	2,235,008
Estimated 1930-31	9,100,000	5,187,000 (a)	57	1,705,296(b)	Not yet available

(a) On average proportion of 5 previous years.

(b) 10 months.

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